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Durham Again Ranks Among Nation's NNO Best in 2012

For the second consecutive year, the City of Durham earned four national rankings in the National Night Out (NNO) awards competition sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). In 2012 Durham was ranked 14 among 135 competing cities of comparable population across the country.

NNO 2012 involved 37.5 million people in 15,700 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide. Award criteria include: neighborhood participation, law enforcement involvement, media and promotional campaigns; special events; short and long term impact; and post project report.

Durham is again distinguished by three NNO All Stars honors earned by University Estates Community Watch (District 3); Azalea Park Apartments (District 2) and Audubon Park Homeowners Association (District 4). NNO All Stars Awards are selected annually by NATW to honor individuals, organizations or programs for outstanding participation, leadership and/or assistance during the NNO campaign. The All-Stars Award can also recognize exceptional or innovative accomplishments, which might not fit into existing award categories. There were 55 entries in the NNO All Stars competition.

The City of Durham Police Department debuted on the NNO awards scene in 2006 and each year following has consistently ranked among the nation's top 20 participating communities in category 2 (population 100,000 to 299,000).

About National Night Out (NNO)

NNO, observed annually on the first Tuesday in August, is *America's Night Out Against Crime*. The observance is designed to: 1) heighten crime, drug and violence prevention awareness; 2) generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; 3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and 4) send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. For more information at National Association of Town Watch, visit the Association's website at www.nationalnightout.org.